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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for distributed management of a plurality of a catalogue of objects resources in a communication network comprising devices, the method comprising the steps of:

- registering local ~~objects present in~~ resources hosted by a device only in a local registry managed ~~by at the level of~~ the device;
- ~~formulating, by a local object, sending a request for a list of objects resources from a local resource, the request being transmitted to the a single local registry of the device hosting the local object resource;~~
- propagating the request through the local registry to ~~distant~~ local registries of other devices;
- collecting responses to the request by the ~~distant~~ local registries of said other devices and a response of the local registry; and
- transmitting the responses collected to the local ~~object resource which sent having formulated~~ the request.

2. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a local registry comprises for each ~~object~~ resource registered therein an identifier of the ~~object~~ resource in the network, the identifier being unique for the communication network, as well as attributes of the ~~object~~ resource.

3. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the identifier comprises an identifier of the device in which the ~~object~~ resource is present, the device identifier

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being unique in the communication network, as well as of a local identifier unique to the object resource at the level of the device.

4. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein a type of request formulated by an object resource is a request comprising at least one selection criterion pertaining to an object resource attribute.

5. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 4, wherein a function of an object resource is an attribute stored by the local registry in respect of the object resource.

6. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the step of propagating the request comprises the step of determining the devices connected to the network which themselves comprise a registry.

7. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 6, wherein the step of determining the devices comprises the determination of the types of the devices present in the network, the type of a device indicating whether it hosts a registry or whether it does not host one.

8. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a type of request formulated by an object resource is a request comprising selection criteria for at least two lists of objects, as well as at least one operator for processing the lists.

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9. (Currently amended) A device in a communication network comprising:

- means memory for storing local object resources;
- means for storing a local registry for containing a catalogue list of object resources local to the device;
- means for connecting the device to the communication network;
- means for propagating a request for a list of object resources sent formulated by a local object resource to local registries of other devices; and
- means for collecting responses of the local registries of the other devices and a response of the local registry and for transmitting the responses to the object resource having sent formulated the request.

10. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 9, further comprising means for determining the addresses of said other devices of the communication network comprising so-called distant registries.